

Appl. No. 10/617,366  
Response dated January 18, 2006  
Office Action dated October 18, 2005

**REMARKS**

Applicants note the comments regarding priority. Applicants have complied with 35 U.S.C. §120 and 37 C.F.R. §1.78 by making reference to these prior applications on lines 9-11 of page 1 and specifically stating that the present application is a continuation-in-part of these applications.

Claim 77 was objected to. It was amended in the last response to overcome this rejection. A clean copy of claim 77 appears in the current amendment.

Claim 76 was objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but was indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form. The limitation of claim 76 has been added to claim 74. It is therefore respectfully submitted that all claims are now allowable, as they all depend on claim 74.

Applicants respectfully submits that the application is in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance is hereby respectfully requested.

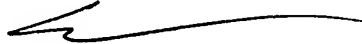
Should the Examiner feel that a telephone conference would advance the prosecution of this application, he is encouraged to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Applicants respectfully petition the Commissioner for any extension of time necessary to render this paper timely.

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Respectfully submitted,

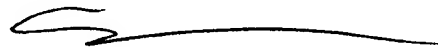


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